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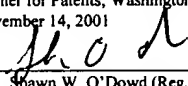
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This communication provides further comment to the Response filed on October 3, 2001.

With respect to the Examiner's grouping of claims in groups I and II, it is respectfully submitted that the inventions described in claims 1 and 6 each refer to the comparison of reference sounds to actual sounds from an instrument. The key difference between these claims is that one specifies that a microphone picks up the reference sounds while the other does not.

With respect to the Examiner's grouping of claims in groups II and III, it is respectfully submitted that though several instruments are referred to in the claims of group III, the comparison of reference sounds to actual sounds occurs one instrument at a time. Also, the performance of the comparison for multiple instruments is found in claims of groups I, II, and III.

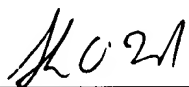
As stated previously, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement for the claims of groups I, II, and III is in error. There does not appear to be sufficient distinctiveness between the inventions to warrant this requirement. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 975-7500 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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